

CONGRATULATING WHITEHAVEN  
HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER  
NATHAN KIRSCH

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Whitehaven High School math teacher Nathan Kirsch for winning the Milken Educator Award and its \$25,000 honorarium.

Mr. Kirsch was surprised with the award at a school assembly Wednesday morning where the entire student body applauded him for being the only teacher in Tennessee to receive the national distinction which some have called "the Oscar Award for teaching." In accepting the award, Mr. Kirsch called it one "for all of my students," past, current and future. The Whitehaven High School community is rightly proud of this accomplishment.

It is very encouraging that a program known as a powerhouse in athletics is also being recognized for its excellence in academics. Mr. Kirsch embodies both traditions as the coach of the school's cross-country and track teams and for being credited for raising the school's AP Calculus scores.

I also commend Whitehaven High School Principal Vincent Hunter for recognizing the importance of providing excellent educational opportunities across the board. The Milken Award is given to 40 early- and mid-career teachers across the country, often jump-starting careers while inspiring educators and their communities.

I congratulate Mr. Kirsch and all the Whitehaven Tigers on this exceptional achievement.

HONORING MR. ALEX RICHARDSON

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alex Richardson who recently graduated from college with a degree in Criminal Justice. Immediately following graduation, Alex was hired by the City of Sunrise Police Department and sent to the police academy. On December 9, 2019, he was pinned in a ceremony at the Sunrise police headquarters and is currently undergoing police training in his community.

Alex is known for beating the odds. He grew up without a father and lost his mother to cancer at age four. One of five children, he and his siblings were adopted by Mr. Patrick Hosler, Jr., who mentored him throughout his childhood. Alex played YFL football for his city, and he now coaches other young men and women in four sports. I am delighted that this fine young man lives in my Congressional district. I am confident that he will succeed beyond all expectations at whatever endeavor he chooses to pursue. I wish him all the very best and thank him for his service to our community.

RECOGNIZING JULIUS ("JULIE") P.  
KNAPP

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, as we consider this critical 5G security and supply chain legislation before us, on behalf of Ranking Member WALDEN, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Chairman DOYLE, and Subcommittee Ranking Member LATTA, I would like to commend Julius ("Julie") P. Knapp for the wonderful contributions to civil service he has made over his 45 year career.

Mr. Knapp recently retired from his position as the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology. He is well known in our Committee because he has testified before us so many times over the years. We could always rely on his technically precise and straight-forward testimony. Mr. Knapp is an internationally-recognized expert who is known for his pragmatic and fair approach, and his ability to explain, in plain language, engineering issues to policymakers on all sides of an issue.

Julie Knapp's career ran in tandem with the growth of the American communications industry. In many ways, it was a symbiotic relationship. He graduated from high school in New Hyde, New York, in 1969, and received his engineering degree from the City College of New York in 1974. Less than a month later, he joined the FCC. At 22 years old, he started out certifying radio frequency devices. He then rose through the ranks to become Chief of the FCC laboratory, then Chief of the Policy and Rules Division for the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET), and finally Chief of OET, where he has served with extraordinary distinction since 2006.

It goes without saying that Julie Knapp could have taken the extraordinary skills he perfected at the FCC to Silicon Valley or to one of the trade associations where his work is so well regarded and appreciated. Instead, he chose to serve the United States through multiple administrations as a public servant, and his longtime contributions will make a positive difference for generations to come.

It's not surprising that Mr. Knapp's outstanding work has brought him numerous awards and accolades within the government and in the engineering community. In 2012, he received one of the highest honors for a civil servant, the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award. He also received the FCC's Gold and Silver awards and the Eugene C. Bowler award for exceptional professionalism and dedication to public service.

Here in Congress, we have been the fortunate beneficiaries of that dedication to public service. He has briefed generations of Members and congressional staffers on the intricacies of how spectrum works and why we need to harness it with careful consideration. He has provided significant and substantial input on all of the spectrum legislation passed by Congress in recent memory.

Mr. Knapp helped usher in the modern age of communications. He played an instrumental role in helping us make spectrum available to fuel our nation's economic and innovative growth. If you are accessing a mobile device right now, using WiFi or buying the latest wire-

less gadget, you are likely benefiting from Julie Knapp's work.

Julie Knapp epitomizes the non-partisan ideal of a public servant. As the leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we are grateful for his invaluable longtime service to our nation, and extend our sincerest thanks to him for dedicating his life to building America's communications systems.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast roll call votes on December 12, 2019 and on December 17, 2019. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes: on roll call 689, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 688, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 682, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 680, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 679, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 678, I would have voted Aye; on roll call 677, I would have voted Aye; and on roll call 676, I would have voted Nay.

### RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND CAREER OF JIM WEILL

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 9, 2020*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Weill, a dedicated advocate who has spent his 50-year career standing up for what's right, and fighting to end poverty and promote social justice in this country.

As President of the Food Research & Action Center, also known as FRAC, Jim spent the last 22 years as a vital partner in the fight to eliminate hunger—my long-time priority here in Congress.

During this time, he has worked hard to expand programs that are essential to reducing hunger for so many, including SNAP, school lunch and breakfast, after school and summer food programs, child care food, and WIC. He's also been a champion of poverty reduction measures like the refundable Child Tax Credit.

Madam Speaker, Jim's commitment to ending the epidemic of hunger in this country cannot be understated, and is exemplified by his tireless efforts to strengthen the coalition to end it. He not only helped bolster FRAC's network of state and local partners, but he's also launched and nurtured strong new anti-hunger advocacy groups, including in Maryland and the District of Columbia—bringing more allies into this important fight.

His lifetime of advocacy has led him to other prominent roles as well. Early in his career, Jim served as counsel at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago as the Director of Federal Litigation and Social Impact Projects, where he worked on over 100 federal class action and impact cases. This important work helped protect people on Social Security, Medicaid, AFDC, Food Stamps, and other public benefits. He also worked to improve our immigration system and combat discrimination against racial minorities and women.